

GENERAL CONFERENCE XII  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



JUNE 30 — JULY 7  
1985



## CITY OF SACRAMENTO

ANNE RUDIN

Mayor

City Hall  
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Greetings:

As Mayor, I extend to each of you a hearty welcome to our great and beautiful city. I hope that while you are here you find time to visit some of the fascinating and historical sites, all within walking distance of each other. For example, Sacramento is home to Old Sacramento, the largest historic preservation project in the West, the Crocker Art Museum, and the recently restored State Capitol.

Sacramento is proud to be your host city and is well equipped to meet your Conference needs. I commend your Conference organizers for their commitment and dedication to make this great Conference the best ever.

On behalf of all Sacramentans, best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Rudin".

Anne Rudin  
Mayor

# River City Metropolitan Community Church

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Rev. Freda Smith  
Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters from throughout the world,

This is the time which we in Sacramento have looked forward to for the past four years. Now that you are all here we are almost too excited to stand it. We love our home city and we want you to love it too. If you have any questions or any needs just come to the Sacramento Bookstore in the Convention Center and let us know what we can do to make your stay better. Even if you have no specific needs, stop by and let us know how you are enjoying our city.

As you know, much of my time will be involved in helping to moderate, and trying to make things run smoothly; however, I appreciate so much the way I have been so wonderfully treated in your homes and in your churches that I want to know that you feel the same about my home. I will be stopping by the Sacramento Bookstore and Hospitality Booth in the Convention Center, whenever I have the chance, so I will have the opportunity to meet with you and to spend time with you there. If you don't see me around, look for me there. You can leave messages for me there too, so I know I won't miss hearing from any of you.

Also, as many of you know, this next Sunday evening is a very special time for the Sacramento Church. We will be burning the mortgage on our building with all of you there as special guests. We want to share the celebration of this achievement with our Fellowship family. I, especially, want to share it with you. Please make it a point to be there. I will be preaching "Purple Grass," the special sermon which, I believe in my heart, was given to me to be preached until everyone, everywhere, has had the opportunity to hear it. I will never tire of preaching this message because God has always used it powerfully whenever and wherever it has been heard. As you know, it is both different and the same whenever you hear it.

We will be video-taping our mortgage burning ceremony, so please pick up a "release form" at the Sacramento Bookstore in the Convention Center and fill it out if you will be sitting toward the front of the auditorium during the service. If you are sitting further back you will not have the chance of being included in our video so you will not need to sign a release.

Being the "home-church" for General Conference is a big under-taking for any church. We covet your prayers that God would help us in all ways to be excellent in service to God, to you, and to this Fellowship during this time. We know that no task is too large with God's help.

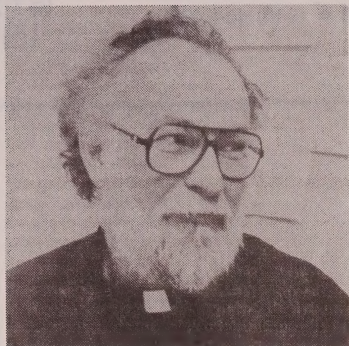
Thank you for your prayers,

Your Sister in Christ,

*Rev. Freda*



# SPECIAL GUESTS



**JOSEPH GILBERT**

Rev. Gilbert, the first pastor of Metropolitan Community Church here in Sacramento, is a native of Philadelphia, whose MCC he presently serves. He is the son of Lovedy (sr.), a member of MCC in San Diego. The sister of Lovedy (jr.), a member of MCC in Dallas. And, the beloved of Michael, the other half of the 'parsonage team' in a relationship which will be 9 years old on August 19th.

Joseph, who has attended every General Conference of the UFMCC, was the Chartering Clerk of the Board in MCC San Diego in early 1970. He was ordained to the Diaconate of our Fellowship in the Fall of that year, resigned from the San Diego Board and came to Sacramento for its first publicly announced worship during the Year End holidays. He moved to the city in early 1971 and was named local coordinator by the Rev. Howard Wells, pastor of MCC San Francisco, sponsor of the Sacramento Mission...called Harmony Congregation. That congregation hosted the Rally in Sacramento at the end of the June 1971 "Long March" led from San Francisco to Sacramento by the Rev. Troy D. Perry. He was licensed to the ministry of the UFMCC at General Conference 1971, the same conference which chartered MCC in Sacramento. Shortly later the first deacons of the congregation were set aside by Elder Richard Ploen. They included the (now Rev. Elder) Freda Smith. In 1972 he served as a Shirley Chisholm delegate from California, the first acknowledged Gay person to do so, until that delegation was unseated by McGovern forces, including San Franciscan Jim Foster. He was ordained at General Conference 1972 and named as the first Director of MCC's Prison Ministry and gave some direction to the production of the first Prison Ministry Handbook.

He has served congregations in Phoenix and in Providence. During part of his tenure in Providence he was con-currently serving the congregation in Worcester.

In 1977, just as the Anita Bryant campaign was gaining national notoriety he was called to Dade County. Joseph



**REV. AND MRS. MELVIN E. WHEATLEY JR.**  
Denver, Colorado

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served in Florida for 6 years, during part of which time he was con-currently the District Coordinator of the Southeast District. He pastored there in Miami and Miami Beach, in Tallahassee and St. Petersburg.

He was called to the pastorate of MCC Philadelphia in August, 1983...a move which he describes as "a real return to roots". He sees two particularly important roles for the local congregation....to foster vocations to religious service...and to create parish extensions which can stand on their own feet as congregations. And, feels that Philadelphia is especially true to these tasks. He and Michael live just around the corner from the church in a garden apartment (a rarity in middle-city Philadelphia) where the garden seems to grow in spite of his non-green thumb.

Rev. Gilbert has served the Fellowship also in chairing the Christian Social Action Committee in 1972, serving on the Elder's Nominating Committee several times, and on the Commission on Faith Fellowship and Order from both the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic Districts. He is currently a member of the Credentials Committee.

Joseph (friends call him Joseph, those who don't care for his preference sometimes call him Joe) was not new to Sacramento when he came here in 1971. He had lived here in the early 60's, working with Runyon and Associates, Advertising and Public Relations. He was responsible for such coups as getting the Pay Ute Indians to "declare peace" so that the Pony Express could re-run during the 1960 Centennial and, as director of the St Patrick's Parade

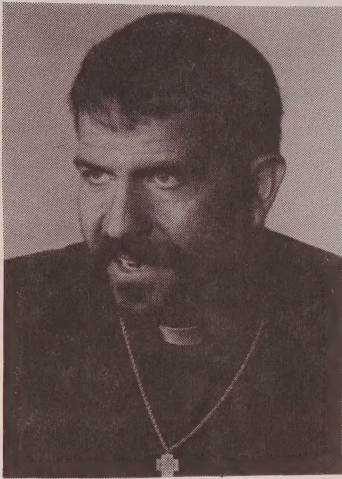
finding (not-so-little) Green Elephants and such to mark in the parade. Under his direction the St. Patrick's parade was one of the important Bagpipe competitions...the winner being named "The Governor's Own Pipe Band" by then Governor Pat Brown.

Some Sacramentans will remember his attempts in the 60's and again in the 70's to revive the Sacramento Transcript. More important, possibly, was a decision early on that the California freeway system would not have all of the area between 3rd. Street and the Embarcadero. While Two Street was still skid-row he discovered some of the historic buildings still standing. A discussion with Olivia (Mrs. William) Conlin led to the creation of the Society for the Enhancement of Old Sacramento and Environs, and painting of some 10 old buildings in their historic hues with the restoration of several of the old signs according to the way they looked in old lithographs, fabulous parties with Lorne Green and others at the Saddlerock Restaurant. And finally, the Newton Cope restoration of the Firehouse...the original luncheon menu of which called for Peanut Butter Sandwiches. Partly as a result, land values skyrocketed and the Highway Department had to take a second look at their plans to make it possible to save an Historic Old Sacramento. As a result of Gilbert's efforts to save the area, present day efforts are being made to name one of the streets "Joe's Alley".

To recognize these latter accomplishments the General Conference is hosting a Reception, High Tea, in his honor Friday, July 5th.



# ELDERS and STAFF



## REV. ELDER TROY PERRY

Reverend Troy D. Perry, the founding minister and Moderator of the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was born July 27, 1940 in Tallahassee, Florida. He was the first of five sons born to Troy P. and Edith Allen Perry.

Reverend Perry attended grammar school and junior high school in Tallahassee. The family moved to Daytona Beach soon after his father was killed in an automobile accident in 1952 and then migrated to Mobile, Alabama where he attended Murphy High School.

The call to the ministry came to Reverend Perry at a young age. He started to preach at the age of 13 and was licensed as a Baptist minister at 15. He joined a Pentecostal Church close to his home in Mobile. He began to realize, as most 'gays' do, that he was different. Like most gays in rural areas, Reverend Perry thought he was the only gay person in the world, so...in 1959 he married the daughter of his Pastor. The next year found Reverend Perry, his wife and newborn son, Troy III, in Illinois so he could attend Moody Bible Institute. A second son, James Michael, was born there. The plastics company Reverend Perry worked for while attending school, organized a branch in Southern California and asked him if he would like to help open the plant. Reverend Perry consented and moved his family to California in 1962.

In California, Reverend Perry was assigned to pastor the Church of God of Prophecy in Santa Ana. It was here that Reverend Perry came to terms with being gay. As is typical with most gay people, it wasn't easy 'coming out.' However, once he came to terms with his sexuality, Reverend Perry knew this

would be his way of life. Reverend Perry and his wife separated, and eventually divorced.

After being drafted in the United States Army and following his two-year tour of duty, Reverend Perry returned to Los Angeles. The rest is history.

"The Lord was dealing with me," Reverend Perry said. "I had been taught by my previous Church that you couldn't be a Christian and a gay person too. I kept this up until one day God got a word in edgewise and said, 'Don't tell ME what I can do. I love you Troy, and I don't have any stepsons or stepdaughters. Reread My Word.' And reread God's Word I did!"

Shortly after that, a friend of Reverend Perry's was arrested for 'being gay'. The friend, taken home from jail by Reverend Perry, told him, "Nobody cares about us." "God cares," Reverend Perry answered. That spark started the Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles and was fanned into a flame which became a new denomination, The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

"I've seen the Universal Fellowship grow from one small struggling group of twelve others and myself to over 200 Study Groups, Missions and Churches in nine countries, with an international membership of over 27,000. I have seen a small group meeting in my home grow into a Fellowship meeting not only in the United States, but England, Denmark, Nigeria, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and Mexico. I have watched as gay persons by the thousands have come to a saving realization of Christ's love for everyone."

Besides being a national civil rights leader of the gay community, Reverend Perry has written his autobiography, "The Lord Is My Shepherd And He Knows I'm Gay", and contributes to gay periodicals and newspapers across the nation. He is a contributing editor to the book, "Is Gay Good?" and he and M.C.C. are the subjects of the excellent book, "Our God Too" by Thomas L. P. Swicegood, published by Pyramid Books; as well as being mentioned in over 100 books. Reverend Perry and the Church that he founded with God's guidance have been covered in every major magazine and newspaper in the United States, as well as hundreds of newspapers and magazines around the world. He has appeared on many television shows, local and national, including the Mike Douglas Show, the Virginia Graham Show, the Phil Donahue Show, the Tomorrow Show with Tom Snyder, and during the campaign against Proposition 6 in California debated the author of that initiative, former State Senator John Briggs and his supporters many times on television.

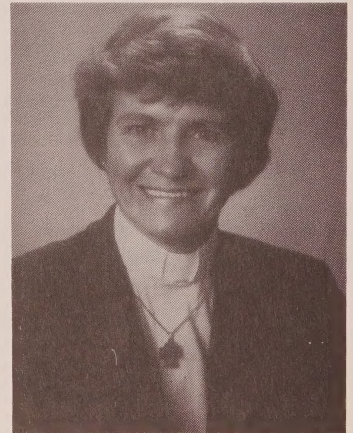
Reverend Perry has served on the Boards of many gay and lesbian organizations, and still continues. He is now serving on the Board of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

In 1976, Reverend Perry's efforts on behalf of civil rights for all people were recognized by County officials and he was appointed to the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, where he served for three years until extensive travel within the denomination made it almost impossible for him to attend meetings.

In 1978, the American Civil Liberties Union--Gay Rights Chapter presented Reverend Perry with its Humanitarian Award at a dinner honoring him at the Hollywood Palladium.

Reverend Perry is about to begin work on his second book, a sequel to "The Lord Is My Shepherd And He Knows I'm Gay"; and is in the process of putting together a one-hour television show about the Fellowship.

If there is any statement that typifies Reverend Perry's attitude in facing the oppression still before us, it is: "We're Not Afraid Anymore!"



## REV. ELDER FREDA SMITH

Rev. Elder Freda Smith, Vice-Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was born on November 22, 1935, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Joining the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1971, from a Salvation Army background, Rev. Smith completed her training for the ministry via the UFMCC "Exhorter Program."

She is an Honor's Program Graduate from California State University with a degree, also 'with honors,' in Psychology. Her academic awards include the Alumni Campus



Advancement Award for the year of her graduation, as well as membership in the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Rev. Smith has a minor degree in Women's Studies, a department she helped found on the CSUS campus (2nd to be recognized in the State University system). She served on the first Women's Studies Board, the Women's Advocate Criteria Committee, and the Women's Advocate Advisory Board at California State University, Sacramento.

She presently is on the Campus again, meeting the requirements for a master's degree in Communications Studies, as well as serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant.

Long active in Gay Rights, Rev. Smith served on the CSUS Gay Studies Board, was Chair of the California Committee for Sexual Law Reform, served as Co-Chair of the Whitman Radclyffe Association, and moderated the State-Wide California Conference for Law Reform in 1973. She testified before both houses of the California State Legislature during the hearings on Willie Brown's Consenting Adult Bill. She performed a reading of her narrative poem: "Dear Dora/Dangerous Derek Diesel Dyke" before a select group of legislators which included Lt. Gov. Merv Dymally who broke the Senate tie to enact the law.

Reverend Elder Smith received the 1977 Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club Award for "Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Human Rights."

From the moment she first heard of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, her loyalty and talent has been focused on the UFMCC vision of liberating the world through Jesus Christ. She has been a member, a Delegate to the 1971 General Conference, a deacon an exhorter, licensed as minister at the 1972 General Conference, appointed to the World Evangelism Board in 1972. Ordained as the Fellowship's first (and by no means last) woman minister, she spearheaded the effort to change the by-laws to include women in all categories, and subsequently was elected as the Fellowship's first (and again by no means last) woman Elder.

Repeatedly re-elected as Elder, Rev. Smith was active as a member, then Chair of World Church Evangelism from 1972 until 1979 when she was elected as Vice-Moderator and replaced as World Church Extension Chair by Rev. Jean White of London, England. Rev. Smith visited England while WCE Chair, and was instrumental in forming the World Church Extension Committee system presently used to establish works outside of recognized districts.

She served on the Board of Campus Ministry and is presently Advisor to the Campus Chi Rho group on the

University of California, Sacramento Campus.

Rev. Smith has served as liaison to the Commission of Religious Institutes, as well as to Government Structures and Systems. She taught the Christian Introduction to the Women's Movement course for SSL.

She is listed in the 2nd Edition of "Who's Who in American Religion."

In addition to an hour long debate on prime-time TV with Dade County's Rev. David Renfrow, Freda has been seen nationally (in America) on the Tomorrow show, and nationally (in Canada) on the Canada A.M. show, as well as numerous local appearances in the many MCC churches she visits regularly around the world.

Negotiations are now underway with a publisher interested in producing Rev. Elder Smith's life story.

Rev. Smith is liaison elder to the Mid-Central District, the South-Atlantic District, and the South-East District, of the UFMCC.

She lives in Sacramento, California with her spouse: Kathleen, her dog: "Macho," and her cat: "Cloud-Zirelli."

She has been Pastor of Sacramento MCC continuously since 1973, where she happily serves a middle-sized church (112 members) in a middle-sized town (250,000), plays chess, writes poetry, spends time on campus, pans for gold in the foothills, loves God, loves life, and loves all of the members of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Romans 8:28



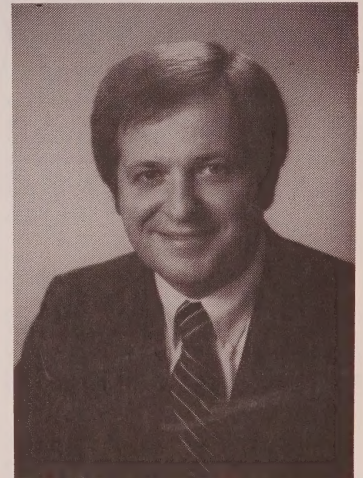
REV. ELDER NANCY L. WILSON

Reverend Nancy Wilson is a native of Plainview, Long Island, New York, and a graduate of Allegheny College. She attended Boston University School of Theology on a Rockefeller Scholarship and received a Masters of

Divinity from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

She has served Metropolitan Community Churches in Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts and Detroit, Michigan; and was formerly the District Coordinator of the Northeast District. Reverend Wilson was reelected to the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches for a third term in 1983, and serves as full-time Clerk of the Board of Elders at the Fellowship headquarters in Los Angeles, California.

Reverend Wilson currently serves as a member of the resident faculty of Samaritan Education Center and as co-chair of the Department of Ecumenical Relations, which she founded, which is responsible for handling U.F.M.C.C.'s application to the National Council of Churches.



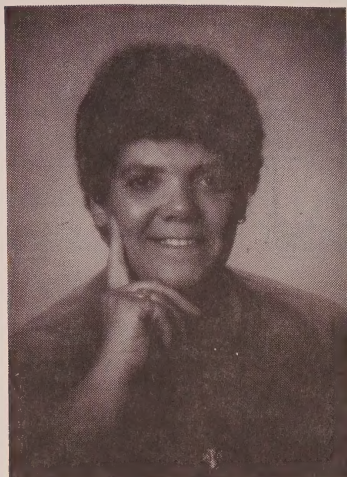
REVEREND ELDER  
DONALD M. EASTMAN

The Reverend Elder Donald M. Eastman has served as Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, Texas, for the past eight years. Prior to that he pastored Church of the Holy Spirit MCC - Des Moines, Iowa.

From 1979 to 1983 the Reverend Eastman was chairperson of the UFMCC Commission on Government Structures and Systems. From 1979-1980 he served as District Coordinator of the South Central District. The Reverend Eastman was elected to the Board of Elders in 1983.

A native of Wisconsin, the Reverend Eastman pastored an Assemblies of God church there for six years following his graduation from Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, in 1966.





**REV. ELDER JEAN ANNE WHITE**

Rev. Elder Jean Anne White was born on April 3, 1941 in Croydon, London, England.

She received training as State Registered Nurse at The London Teaching Hospital, Whitechapel, London.

In 1963, Rev. White obtained a Midwifery degree at the Elsie Inglis School of Midwifery, Edinburgh, Scotland and a Tropical Disease degree at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Liverpool.

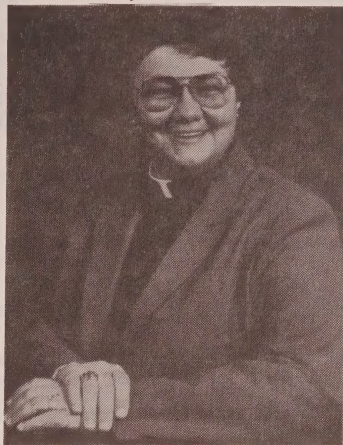
In 1963 and 1964, Rev. White studied at the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill, Sussex, and Stockholm Sweden. She obtained diplomas in general theological subjects; Old Testament, Gen. O.T.X.a Jesus, N.T.X.a Jesus, Greek, Early Church History, Christian writers course, History of Missions, Ethics, Non-Christian religions and Mission principals and practices, etc.

Rev. White served as missionary in Macao, South East Asia from 1964 to 1970. Three of those years were spent under 'compound arrest' in the 'no-man's' area, between Macao and the mainland of China, during the Red Guard uprising.

In 1970 to 1981, Rev. White worked as Midwifery Tutor, then undertook administration and management courses. For five years she was Matron (administrator) of the Welbeck Hospital, London.

In 1972, she joined the M.C.C. study group in London, served on the board of directors, became a Deacon, and later an exhorter. She applied and received licensing and has been Pastor of the London Church since 1978 and was elected as Elder at the General Conference in Los Angeles in 1979. She now serves as Executive Secretary for World Church Extension.

She was re-elected an Elder in 1981 and works full time for the Fellowship and heads the World Church Extension area, overseeing the churches in Europe, Africa, New Zealand, South Pacific and Hispanic Americas.



**REV. ELDER JERI ANN HARVEY**

Jeri Ann Harvey was born January 3, 1934 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She graduated from high school in 1952 and received her B.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1961. She served two years with the U.S. Navy (1952-1954) and was honorably discharged. She has studied Theology at Oklahoma South Western University, no degree.

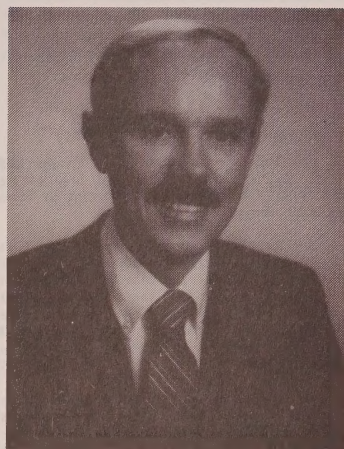
Prior to the ministry Reverend Harvey worked as a Medical Technologist and Psychiatric Technician in private clinics and the V.A. Hospital.

Reverend Harvey has had several articles and poetry published prior to her ministry and was recorded as a singer with the Nelson Riddle orchestra in 1953.

She has been a member of U.F.M.C.C. since 1972 and was licensed as a minister in Dallas, Texas in 1975; Ordained in Denver, Colorado in 1977; and elected to the Board of Elders in Los Angeles in 1979. She has pastored Christ the King M.C.C. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and is their Pastor Emeritus; M.C.C. of the Resurrection in Houston, Texas; and in April of 1978 was the first woman elected to pastor the founding Church in Los Angeles, which she still pastors.

She has served as the District Coordinator of the South Central District; and is currently the Liaison Elder to the Mid-Central and Northeast Districts.

Reverend Harvey has served on the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and is a member of several Los Angeles organizations. She is a popular preacher and lecturer.



**LAY ELDER MICHAEL MANK**

MICHAEL has his M.A. from Clark University, Worcester, Mass. and has done graduate work at Berkeley, San Francisco State and U.C.L.A. Locally he has been a charter member of MCC San Francisco since 1970. He served as clerk for six years, has been organist, and served on the Board of Directors. As treasurer for the Northwest district for five years he also served as Representative to the Commission on Laity. Over the past ten years he has attended all ten General Conferences serving as a delegate or alternative. To his credit are involvement as chair and member of the By-Laws Committee, FFO, GSS, Hymnody, and Commission on Laity. He coordinated the study group in Eureka/Arcata MCC-Humbolt, authored the hymn 'I'm Not Afraid Anymore' and other service music and worked at SF Suicide/Crisis Intervention Center on the trustee board. He has also worked extensively on the political scene, No on 6, chairing the San Francisco Committee and served on numerous boards and committees within his teaching career. Mr. Mank was elected to the Board of Elders in 1981 and serves as Treasurer of the Fellowship.

**RAVI C. VERMA**

Ravi Verma grew up in Bombay, India and has lived in the United States for the last twelve years. He received his Masters degree in Engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1976, and his Master of Business Administration in 1978 from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ravi has held several positions in the Universal Fellowship since 1977 and has also been involved in other Gay & Lesbian, Human Rights and Third World Organizations. He served as Lay Representative for the Middle Atlantic District; Third World Task Force; Lay Delegate to three General Conferences.



In 1983, Ravi left a successful career in research management to serve as the Director of Administration of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

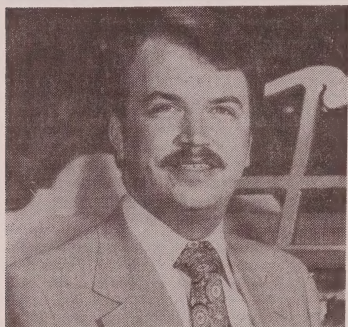
## JAMES W. VOLTZ

Jim was born in Oak Park, Illinois and earned his B.S. in Architectural Engineering and M.S. in International Economics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

His corporate career spanned 20 years in the oil and petro-chemical industry. He went from a field sales representative with Rexall Drug and Chemical Co., through management positions with Chemplex Company to a Vice President and Managing Director with Petrofina before taking early retirement from corporate life.

Jim was an active member of MCC Dallas for many years before his move to Los Angeles. Besides being General Conference Coordinator for UFMCC he maintains an active interest in two of his own companies, London Oil Reports and Independent Chemical Information Services with offices in Dallas, London and Paris and is also a consultant to Royal Travel Service in Long Beach.

Jim's other activities include an active interest in gourmet cooking, boating and taking care of his three cats named; TRUCK, TRAILER and LONDON.



## REV. DANNY RAY

Rev. Danny Ray will be coordinating all worship services for General Conference XII in Sacramento. He is responsible for all areas of the services including music.

Rev. Ray will fulfill his heavy responsibility with the assistance of his tremendous natural musical talent and his wide experience.

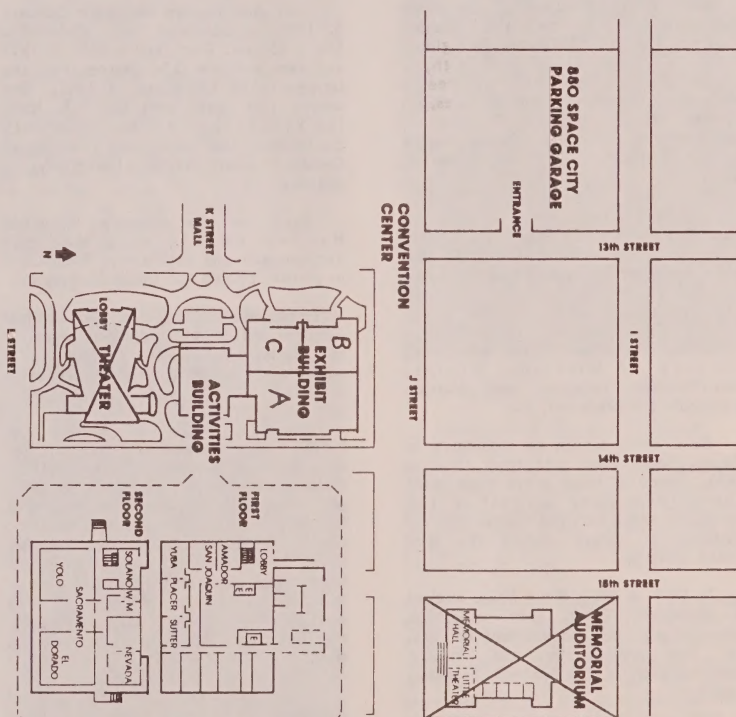
He was the first person in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches to be made a Clergy, whose primary ministry was not preaching. Since 1980 he has served as the Minister of Music for MCC of Dallas.

He attended the University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County Junior College and the Texas Christian University majoring in Organ and Church Music. He also studied under Professor Emmet Smith and other internationally known organists.



### REGULAR PARKING RATES

The hourly rate is 25¢ each hour for the first three hours. Each hour thereafter is 65¢. Therefore, the regular day maximum (6:00 AM - 6:00 PM) is \$6.60. The hourly rate continues past 6:00 PM, but the regular night maximum from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM is \$1.00. Therefore, the maximum rate for 24 hours is \$7.60.



### CONVENTION PARKING RATES WITH VALIDATION

The hourly rate is 25¢ each hour for the first three hours and 65¢ each hour thereafter; therefore, the convention day maximum from 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM is \$2.70. The hourly rate starts again at 6:00 PM, but the convention night maximum (6:00 PM - 6:00 AM) is 50¢. Therefore, the maximum convention rate for 24 hours is \$3.20.



# PROPOSED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AS OF 6-3-85

## THURSDAY - JUNE 27

FFO MEETING  
River City MCC 1:00pm - 5:00 pm

FFO MEETING  
River City MCC 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## FRIDAY - JUNE 28

HISPANIC MINISTRIES  
San Joaquin-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

FFO MEETING  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## SATURDAY - JUNE 29

HISPANIC MINISTRIES  
San Joaquin-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

FFO MEETING  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

BOARD OF PENSIONS  
Amador-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## SUNDAY - JUNE 30

HISPANIC MINISTRIES  
San Joaquin-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

DEAF MINISTRIES (get together)  
Amador-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

M.C.D. (Dist Meeting)  
Yuba-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

FFO MEETING  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

WORSHIP REHEARSALS  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION  
"B" - Exhibit Hall 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DINNER - FREE TIME 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
(Worship to be held at Convention Center - River City MCC Participants)

OPENING RECEPTION  
Yolo-Sacramento-Act Bldg. 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

## MONDAY - JULY 1

WORSHIP SERVICE  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 8:30 am - 9:45 am  
Rev. Elder Freda Smith  
(D.C.'s Celebrating)

REGISTRATION  
"B" - Exhibit Hall 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

COUNTRY STORES  
"B" - Exhibit Hall 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG.  
Amador-Act Bldg. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

ELDERS NOM. COMMITTEE  
San Joaquin-Act Bldg. 10:00 am - 11:15 am

CLERGY FORUM  
Yuba-Act Bldg. 10:00 am - 11:15 am

LAY FORUM (open)  
Placer-Act Bldg. 10:00 am - 11:15 am

FFO STEERING COMM.  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 10:00 am - 11:15 am

OPENING SESSION  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

LUNCH - FREE TIME 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

"GOD/GAYS & GOSPEL" (film)  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

BUSINESS MEETING  
El Dorado/Sac Bldg. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

NON-DELEGATE ORIENTATION  
Yolo-Act Bldg. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

FORUM ON GSS  
El Dorado/Sac Bldg. 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

DINNER - FREE TIME 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson

S.W. DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

## TUESDAY - JULY 2

HUMAN RIGHTS BREAKFAST  
"C" - Exhibit Hall 8:30 am - 9:40 am

H.R. & UFMCC AWARDS  
"C" - Exhibit Hall 9:45 am - 10:45 am

REGISTRATION  
"B" - Exhibit Hall 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

COUNTRY STORES "B" - Exhibit Hall 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

"PRESS CONFERENCE"  
El Dorado/Sac Bldg. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Amador-Act Bldg. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

COMM. ON LAITY  
Yolo-Act Bldg. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

CLERGY TRANSFERRING  
San Joaquin-Act Bldg. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

THE TEACHING CHURCH PROCESS  
Placer-Act Bldg. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

COMMUNION  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Colleen Darraugh & Rev. Copestake

LUNCH - FREE TIME 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

BUSINESS SESSION  
El Dorado/Sac Act Bldg. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

VOCABULARIES OF FAITH  
Yuba-Act Bldg. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY?  
Sutter-Act Bldg. 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NEW DIRECTIONS IN MINISTRY  
San Joaquin Act Bldg. 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DINNER - FREE TIME 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Elder Michael Mank

## WEDNESDAY - JULY 3

WORSHIP SERVICE  
"A" - Exhibit Hall 8:30 am - 9:15 am  
Rev. Willie White

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Amador-Act Bldg. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

GSS VOTE/OTHER BUSINESS  
El Dorado/Sac Bldg. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

REGISTRATION  
"B" - Exhibit Hall 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



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| COUNTRY STORES<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                   | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| EXCEL EXPERIENCE<br>Yuba-Act Bldg.                                     | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| DEAF MINISTRIES<br>San Joaquin-Act Bldg.                               | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| VOCABULARIES OF SEXUALITY<br>Sutter-Act Bldg.                          | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| LUNCH - FREE TIME                                                      | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  |
| FFO<br>Sutter-Act Bldg.                                                | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| DEPT. OF CHRIS. SOC. ACT<br>Yuba-Act Bldg.                             | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| DEPT. OF ECU. RELATIONS<br>San Joaquin-Act Bldg.                       | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| COMM SPEC. MINISTRIES<br>Yolo-Act Bldg.                                | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| BOARD OF WORLD CH. EXT.<br>El Dorado/Sac Act Bldg.                     | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| DEPT. OF 3RD WORLD MIN.<br>Placer-Act Bldg.                            | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| COMMISSION ON LAITY<br>El Dorado/Sac-Act Bldg.                         | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| FINANCE COMM. HEARING<br>El Dorado/Sac Act Bldg.                       | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| COMMUNION<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Marge Perry & Mr. Hong Tan     | 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| ELDERS NOM. COMM. FORUM<br>El Dorado/Sac Act Bldg.                     | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm   |
| SEXUALITY & SPIRITUALITY<br>Yuba-Act Bldg.                             | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES<br>San Joaquin-Act Bldg.                        | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| VOCABULARIES OF FAITH<br>Sutter-Act Bldg.                              | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| (KAREN ZIEGLER)<br>Placer-Act Bldg.                                    | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| AIDS - A PRESENT CRISIS, A PRESENT GRACE<br>Yolo-Act Bldg.             | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| DINNER - FREE TIME                                                     | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm   |
| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Elder Don Eastman | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   |
| <u>THURSDAY - JULY 4</u>                                               |                     |
| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Horacio Flores    | 8:30 am - 9:15 am   |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE<br>Amador-Act Bldg.                                  | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm   |
| AIDS PROGRAM<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall                                     | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| REGISTRATION<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                     | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| COUNTRY STORES<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                   | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| LUNCH - FREE TIME                                                      | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  |
| AIDS PROGRAM - GROUPS<br>To be announced                               | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm   |
| COMMUNION<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Harriet Merrick                     | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm   |
| OPEN FORUM ON THE BUDGET<br>El Dorado/Sac Act Bldg.                    | 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| DINNER - FREE TIME                                                     | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm   |
| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Elder Jean White  | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   |

#### FRIDAY - JULY 5

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| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Jackie Walker                        | 8:30 am - 9:15 am   |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE<br>Amador-Act Bldg.                                                | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm   |
| ELDERS ELECTION, BUDGET<br>El Dorado/Sac-Act Bldg.                                   | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  |
| REGISTRATION<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                                   | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| COUNTRY STORES<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                                 | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| LUNCH - FREE TIME                                                                    | 10:00 am - 1:30 pm  |
| COMMUNION<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Mr. Felix Escamillia & Rev. Charlotte Strayhorne  | 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm   |
| INSTITUTIONAL RACISM<br>Sutter-Act Bldg.                                             | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   |
| BUSINESS MEETING<br>El Dorado/Sac-Act Bldg.                                          | 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm   |
| CHORAL WORKSHOP (Bob Crocker)<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall                                  | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm   |
| JOSEPH GILBERT RECEPTION<br>Yolo-Act Bldg.                                           | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm   |
| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey           | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   |
| COUNTRY STORES<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                                 | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| ORDINATION SERVICE<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Jimmy Brock                         | 10:00 am - 11:30 am |
| ORDINATION RECEPTION<br>Metro. Rooms-Act Bldg.                                       | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  |
| LUNCH - FREE TIME                                                                    | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm   |
| CHORAL WORKSHOP (Bob Crocker)<br>"A" - Exhibit Hall                                  | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm   |
| SAMARITAN "STEWARDSHIP"<br>San Joaquin-Act Bldg.                                     | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm   |
| STRESS MANAGEMENT<br>Placer-Act Bldg.                                                | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| PASTORAL EVALUATION<br>Amador-Act Bldg.                                              | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| GOAL PLANNING FOR CLERGY<br>"C" - Exhibit Hall                                       | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| BAPTISM, EUCHARIST & MINISTRY<br>Sutter-Act Bldg.                                    | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| CONFLICT MANAGEMENT<br>Yuba-Act Bldg.                                                | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| WHITE AWARENESS<br>El Dorado-Act Bldg.                                               | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| INSTITUTIONAL RACISM<br>Sacramento-Act Bldg.                                         | 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm   |
| <u>YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS</u><br>Yolo-Act Bldg.                                        | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm   |
| DINNER - FREE TIME                                                                   | 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm   |
| <u>WORSHIP SERVICE &amp; KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall                   | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   |
| <u>SUNDAY - JULY 7</u>                                                               |                     |
| <u>CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall<br>Rev. Elder Dr. Troy D. Perry | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm |
| COUNTRY STORES & FREE TIME<br>"B" - Exhibit Hall                                     | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm   |
| <u>RIVER CITY MCC WORSHIP SERVICE</u><br>"A" - Exhibit Hall                          | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm   |



# RIVER CITY MCC



River City MCC, previously known as Harmony MCC and Sacramento MCC, had its beginning in the Winter of 1970. Vance Babineau, Deacon, from San Francisco MCC, received permission to start a parish of the San Francisco church here in River City. Vance and his mother led and nurtured the small Sacramento group for several months. In early 1971, Joe Gilbert, Deacon, from San Diego MCC, moved to Sacramento to work with our small group.

In June 1971, Sacramento hosted the "Long March", led by Rev. Troy D. Perry, from San Francisco to Sacramento in support of the Willie Brown, "Consenting Adult Bill".

In September 1971, Sacramento was chartered as Harmony MCC and the newly licensed Rev. Joseph Gilbert was called as our first pastor. By this time, we had outgrown Vance's home, Joe's apartment, and had moved to the old USO Building at 902 J Street. Fortunately, it didn't take too long to outgrow that dingy building with its cobwebs and bats.

We started looking for a permanent home and finally rented a building in the alley at 16th. & R Streets, with an option to buy. The property consisted of a small church, a huge parsonage (8 bedrooms), and a meeting hall. We rented out the bedrooms and the meeting hall to make the rent payment. After a year at this location we realized we were not ready to handle the large payments and began looking for a new home.

Eugene Brockett, a charter member) opened his home and we changed our name from Harmony MCC to Sacramento MCC and moved to Eugene's living room. Rev. Gilbert moved to Arizona and we called Rev. Robert Wolfe to be our pastor.

At the end of a year at Eugene's, Rev. Wolfe moved to Canada, Rev. Freda Smith our Assistant Pastor was called to pastor our small flock and we moved again to an office building on Stockton Blvd.

Within a year we had outgrown our Stockton Blvd. building and were again looking for a new home. It was hoped we could find a permanent site.

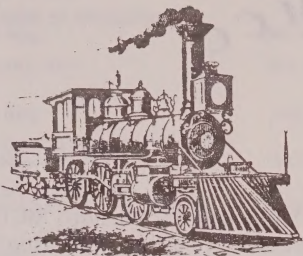
In the summer of 1974, Madeline and Sally found an ad for a building for sale in Oak Park. They were impressed with the building and called Rev. Freda and the Board of Directors. That Sunday evening we ran through the building with Rev. Freda bouncing on the spring-mounted ballroom floor. This surely was the building God had prepared for us.

The building at 2741-34th. Street, had been built by the "Odd Fellows" in 1916. They were willing to sell it for \$40,000 with \$10,000 down and payments of \$500 per month. We had no money in our building fund but we stepped out on faith and offered them \$28,000 with \$3500 down and payments of \$300 per month. Praise God! they accepted our offer. We moved into our new building in September, 1974.

The last eleven years have been years of growth for RCMCC. We again changed our name. River City MCC is a healthy, growing body of believers. At the final service of General Conference XII, we will celebrate the "Burning of the Mortgage".

We are no longer the poor struggling church we were eleven years ago when we bought this building but we are still aware that God will continue to pour down blessings as long as we continue to follow God's leading.

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## OLD EAGLE THEATRE

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## CROCKER ART MUSEUM

216 O Street  
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## SUTTER'S FORT

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**OLD SACRAMENTO INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** Old Sacramento on July 3rd.

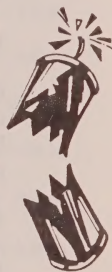
**FOLSOM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO:** July 3-7, 8:30pm, Dan Russell Arena, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom.

**OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY IN CAPITOL PARK:** July 4th. with food, entertainment, raffle, games, (across the street from the Convention Center).

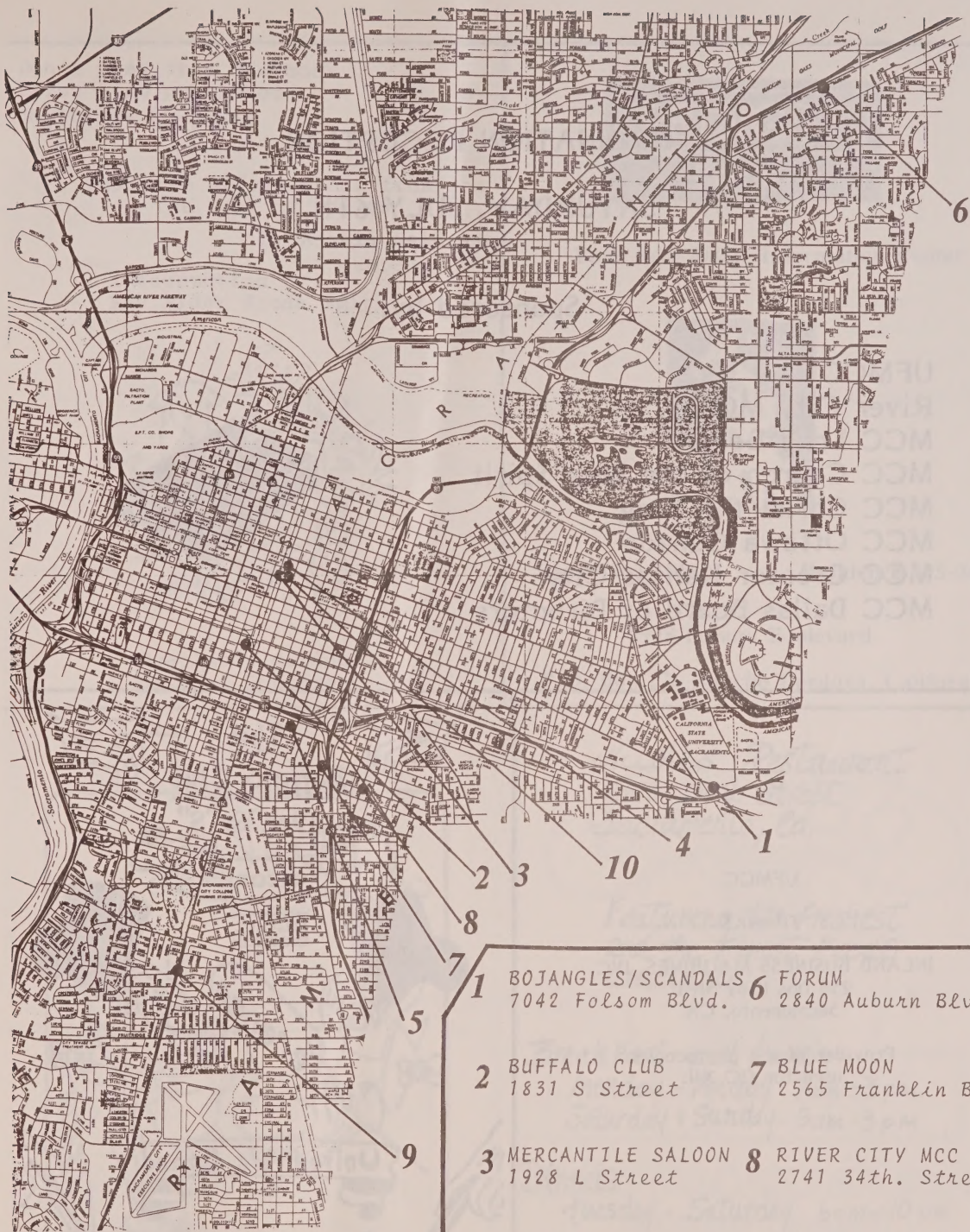
**FIREWORKS:** July 4th. evening at Cal Expo.

**SACRAMENTO WATER FESTIVAL:** Near Old Sacramento waterfront, at Front Street, south of Capitol Avenue (Tower Bridge) at river's edge across from Crocker Art Museum. July 6-7. Anything that Floats Parade, Precision Sport Parachuting, Jet Skiing Jumps, Fireworks, Great Saloon Race... Tickets: Adult \$5 per day, children \$4 per day.

**MUSIC CIRCUS:** "Evita", starring Loni Ackerman, July 8-15, 1419 H Street.







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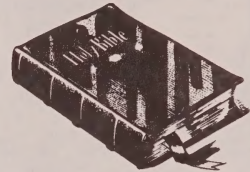


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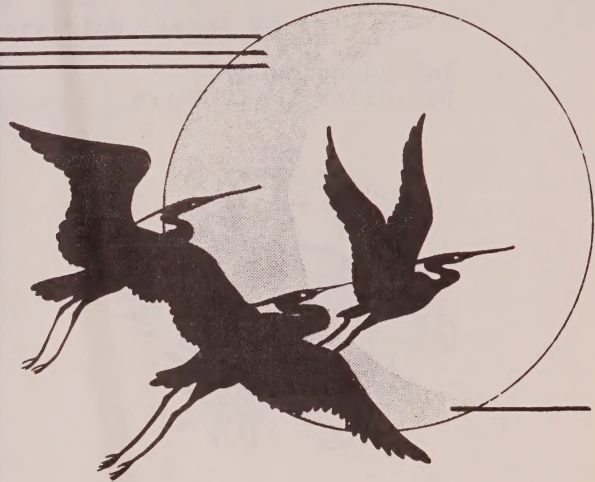
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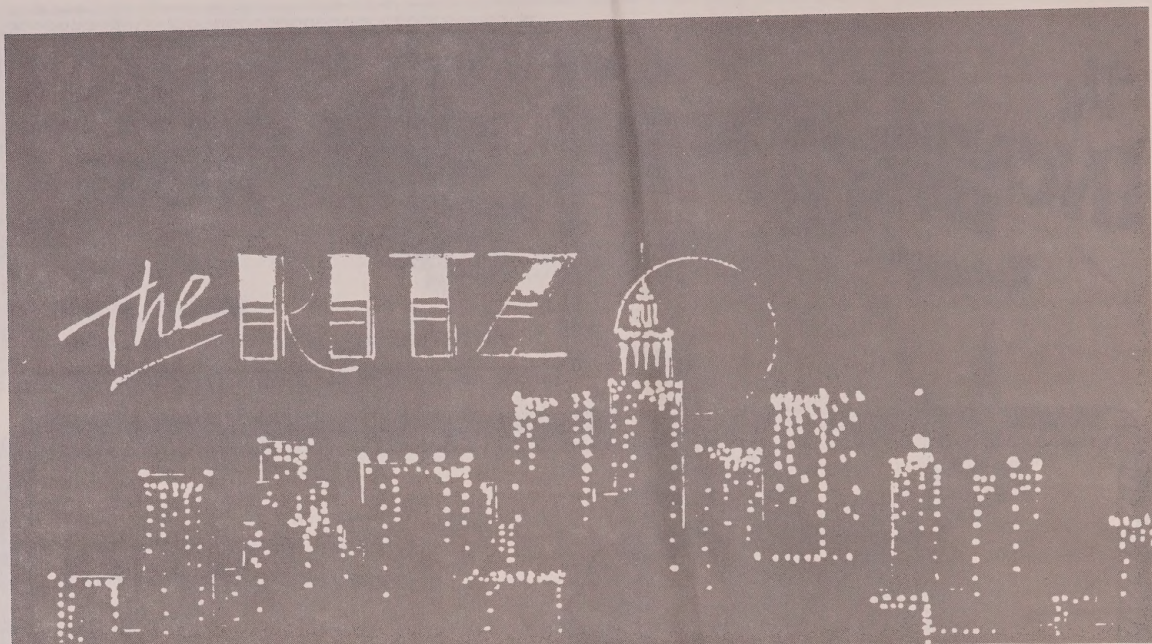
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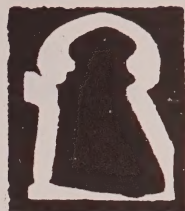
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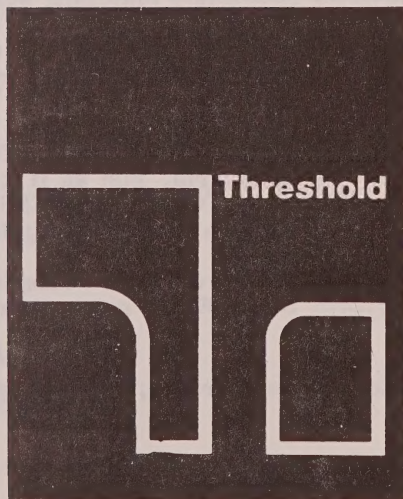
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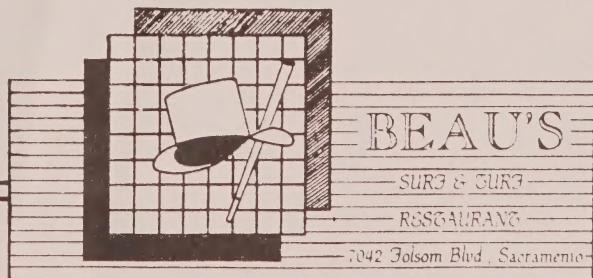


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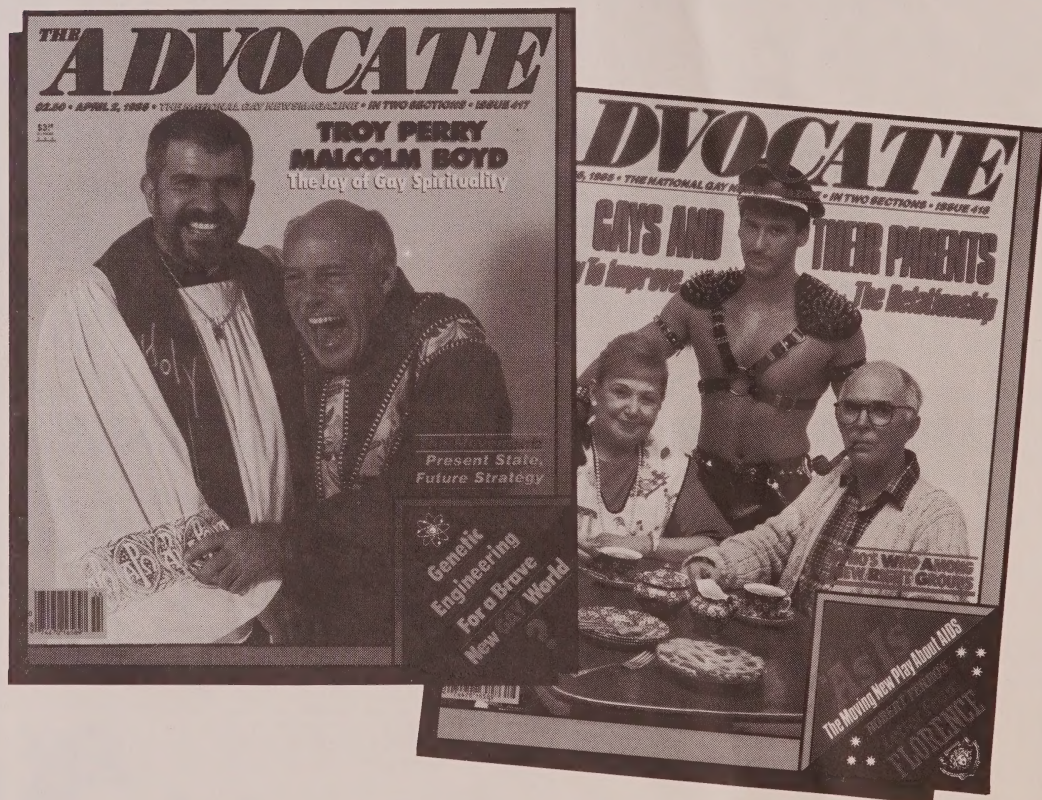


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